General Census Timeline



January 21

The US Census Bureau began the first official count – in Toksook Bay, Alaska. Counting the population in Alaska is easier when the ground is frozen, so remote areas are counted in January.

March 12 - 20

The US Census Bureau mailings begin. Households will begin to receive detailed information on how to respond online, by phone, or by mail. Information will be mailed to households in English or Spanish and English.

March 30 – April 1

The US Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness. As part of this process, the Census Bureau will count people in shelters, at soup kitchens, mobile food vans, on the streets, and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.

April 1

Census Day is observed nationwide. By April 1, every household should have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

April

Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, seniors living in senior housing, and other group housing quarters. Census takers will also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure accurate information.

May – July

Census takers will begin visiting homes that have not responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

December

The US Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.